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Ms. Bertha M. Goldenberg, P.E.
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Miami-Dade County
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Re: Consent Decree (Case: No.: 1:12-cv-24400-FAM), Reference DOJ Case No.: 90-5-1-1-4022 Section VI – Specific Capital Improvement Projects, Paragraph 19(i), Section XX – Modification, Paragraph 82 Request for Non-material Change (CD Project 2.27 – Oxygen Production CDWWTP)

Dear Ms. Goldenberg:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) are in receipt of Miami-Dade County's (Miami-Dade) October 2, 2015, request for modification of the technology used to complete Project 2.27 (Oxygen Production for Central District WWTP (CDWWTP)) set forth in Appendix D-1 of the above-referenced Consent Decree (CD). After reviewing oxygen production technologies, Miami-Dade has found a less expensive, easier to maintain and more environmentally friendly technology to produce oxygen at the CDWWTP. Miami-Dade has requested to modify the Appendix D-1 description of the capital improvement from a new 80 ton cryogenic production system (current technology used at CDWWTP) to a new 80 ton Vacuum Pressure Swing Adsorption (VSPA) system. Specifically, Miami-Dade has proposed to modify the description for Project 2.27 in Appendix D-1 to "Construction of a new oxygen production system to provide full redundancy as existing units are near the end of their useful life and prone to failure." The EPA and the FDEP hereby approve this request.

The EPA and the FDEP agree that the change of the type of oxygen production equipment constructed to complete Project 2.27 shall constitute a non-material modification to the CD. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Brad Ammons of the EPA at (404) 562-9769 or via email at ammons.brad@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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